

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A customizable computerized system for providing access to specified Internet websites and comparable alternative websites utilizing telephone numbers as search queries,
5 comprising:

means for receiving a system user search query for a specified Internet website in the form of a telephone number corresponding to said website;

means for processing said user search query to provide access to said specified Internet website in response to said query; and

means for providing access to additional Internet websites that are comparable alternatives to said specified Internet website, said additional Internet websites being selected based on customizable criteria.

2. The system of Claim 1, further comprising means for processing changes to Internet website addresses such that access to said websites is provided in response to user
15 queries using either a prior address or a changed address.

3. The system of Claim 1, further comprising means for displaying to users content from said Internet websites in a standardized format.

4. The system of Claim 1, wherein said customizable criteria are provided by electronic communication from said user.

20 5. The system of Claim 1, wherein said customizable criteria are preprogrammed into said system.

6. The system of Claim 1, wherein said means for providing access to additional Internet websites that are comparable alternatives to said specified Internet website based on

customizable criteria comprises one or more databases containing data regarding characteristics of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more software applications that select said additional websites based on comparison of data pertaining to said specified website and data pertaining to said additional websites.

5 7. The system of Claim 6, wherein said one or more software applications select additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the geographic location of the proprietors of the websites being compared.

10 8. The system of Claim 6, wherein said one or more software applications select additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the products or services offered by the websites being compared.

15 9. The system of Claim 6, wherein said one or more software applications select additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the prices for products or services offered by the websites being compared.

20 10. The system of Claim 6, wherein said one or more software applications select additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the type of content provided by the websites being compared.

25 11. The system of Claim 6, wherein said one or more software applications select additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the date of publication of content provided by the websites being compared.

30 12. The system of Claim 1, further comprising means for receiving a system user search query for a specified electronic mail recipient in the form of a telephone number corresponding to said recipient;

 means for processing said user search query to provide information pertaining to said recipient; and

means for sending electronic mail to said recipient.

13. The system of Claim 12, wherein said means for sending electronic mail to said recipient further comprises means for sending said electronic mail to multiple alternate electronic mail addresses corresponding to said recipient, said alternate electronic mail addresses being
5 selected based on customizable criteria.

14. A method for providing access to specified Internet websites and comparable alternative websites utilizing telephone numbers as search queries, comprising the following steps:

receiving a system user search query for a specified Internet website in the form of a telephone number corresponding to said website;

processing said user search query to provide access to said specified Internet website in response to said query;

selecting additional Internet websites that are comparable alternatives to said specified Internet website based on customizable criteria; and

15 providing access to said additional Internet websites.

15. A customizable computerized system for providing access to specified Internet websites and comparable alternative websites, comprising:

means for receiving a system user search query for a specified Internet website;

means for processing said user search query to provide access to said specified

20 Internet website in response to said query; and

means for providing access to additional Internet websites that are comparable alternatives to said specified Internet website, said additional Internet websites being selected based on customizable criteria.

16. The system of Claim 15, wherein search user query is in the form of a Domain Name.

17. The system of Claim 15, further comprising means for processing changes to Internet website addresses such that access to said websites is provided in response to user queries using either a prior address or a changed address.

18. The system of Claim 15, further comprising means for displaying to users content from said Internet websites in a standardized format.

19. The system of Claim 15, wherein said customizable criteria are provided by electronic communication from said user.

20. The system of Claim 15, wherein said customizable criteria are preprogrammed into said system.

21. The system of Claim 15, wherein said means for providing access to additional Internet websites that are comparable alternatives to said specified Internet website based on customizable criteria comprises one or more databases containing data regarding characteristics of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more software applications that select said additional websites based on comparison of data pertaining to said specified website and data pertaining to said additional websites.

22. The system of Claim 21, wherein said one or more software applications select additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the geographic location of the proprietors of the websites being compared.

23. The system of Claim 21, wherein said one or more software applications select additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the products or services offered by the websites being compared.

24. The system of Claim 21, wherein said one or more software applications select additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the prices for products or services offered by the websites being compared.

25. The system of Claim 21, wherein said one or more software applications select
5 additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the type of content provided by the websites being compared.

26. The system of Claim 21, wherein said one or more software applications select additional websites based on comparison of information regarding the date of publication of content provided by the websites being compared.